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Sir:

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Certified copies of said Japanese Patent Applications are of record in parent application Serial No. 09/450,590, filed November 30, 1999, which is the parent application of Serial No. 10/227,456, filed August 26, 2002.

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